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Inscriptions from the Cemeteries.

In the old graveyard (see p. 34), now in the north-east corner of the cemetery near the center of the town, there are 72 monuments with memorials to 84 persons who died before 1801. Martyr, daughter of Joseph and Lois Hardy (see p. 257), is supposed to have been the first person buried there. Doubtless there were earlier deaths among the settlers here, but no certain record of any has been found. In Holland's Hist. of Western Mass. (vol. 2, p. 516) is the following: "The first death that occurred in Lee betwixt a child of John Wimerar. The death occurred at Crow Hollow, and the child was buried on the West side of the river." Probably the statement was made on tradition and authority.

It is supposed one of the earliest graves is marked by a rough stone bearing only the rubrically circled letters S 3. The number for which these letters stand has not been determined. The stone with the letters I V D, marks the grave of Isaac VanDeusen, 8 years old, a son of Matthew VanDeusen.

Only two died before 1801 are in the South Lee cemetery; one at the grave of Isaac Davis, the first settler, the other at the grave Abijah Stearns.

A few early graves in the cemetery are marked with unincised, unheaved slabs of stone. There are, also, several early graves marked in the same manner near the residence of C. E. Morley, Cape St., where, according to tradition, some of the settlers in that section named Sanford and Roberts were buried.

If any of the early infants were buried elsewhere in town, all knowledge of their graves is lost.

Owing to weathering, probably some of the punctuation has been effaced from some of the stones.

The interline letters and words in the inscriptions here given, are shown as well as possible with ordinary type. On the stones they are close to the lines to which they belong.

Joseph F. son of Mr
James & Mrs Achsa
Austin. died May, 16^s
1791, aged 12 Month^s
Alfo Zefna; thir son
died Aug^e 1st, 26th^s
1793, aged 18 Month^s
Margaret thir dau^r
died at falem state of
N york Oct 21 1786,
aged 3 Months.

An Infant Son of
Mr James & Mrs:
Achsa Austin
who was Still borⁿ
Oct 20 1794th

In memory of Zaf-
na son of Mr Jame^s
& Mrs Achfah
Austin died April
16 1797 aged 18M^s
Alfo their son was
born & died May
3d 1798

Sarah, daught^r of
Mr. Nathan &
Mrs. Rubamah^{ft}
Ball. died Augu^{ft}
1 1784 aged
11 Years & 3 Moⁿ

Annali Bassett,
 was born
 June 12, 1750.
 and died June
 5, 1798. aged
 18 years.

In memory of
 Harriot Daut^r to
 Mr Cornelius ^{junr} &
 Mrs Abigail Baf-
 sett who died Jan
 19th 1798 aged 2
 years & 9 days

Nancy, dau^r of Mr.
 Cornelius Bafsett Juⁿ
 by Mrs Abigail his
 wife. died with the
 Small pox March
 19th, 1785, aged 12
 Months & 19 days.

In Memory of
 Joseph Bafsett sen
 to Mr Nathaniel &
 Mrs Bethiah Baf-
 sett who died Au-
 gust 10th 1800
 aged one year &
 3 days

Phebe Died August 30th 1777
 Aged 1 year & 9 Months.
 Thomas Died February 17th
 1788 Aged 14 Months.
 Permela Died April 3^d 1793
 Aged 2 years & 3 Months.
 Children of Mr. Thomas &
 Mrs Phebe Beecher.

Betsey (dau^r of
 Mr. Gerge & Mrs
 Elifabeth) Benne^t
 died Sep^r 7th 1790
 aged 5 Months.

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THE 9th - 1796

Mrs Desire Chadwick^{ct}
the late Confort of
Mr Abiathar Chadwick died August
13th 1790 in the 35th
year of her age

No age nor sex can
Death defy
Think Mortals what
it is to die

In Memory of Mrs
Content, the late^h
Confort of Mr Noa
Crocker, who Died
July 23d. 1794 in
the 65th year
of her age.

Mercy Hamblin ⁿ	Joseph Crocker ^r
Crocker Died	jun ^r Died July
Sep ^r 8 th 1795,	24 th 1796,
in the 4 th year	aged 7 Month ^s
of her age.	& 6 Days.

The above were the Children
of Insign Joseph & Mary Crocker

The blooming cheeks, the lovely charms,
Lie clasped in Deaths cold icy arms.

In memory of Miss Ze-
rual Crocker who died
Sep 2nd 1798 in the 21st
year of her age

Tis long since death had
the majority Yet strange:
the living lay ^{it} not to heart

Mrs. Hannah Davis
the wife of Mr. Hope^d
Davis Died February 23
1795 in the 65th year
of her age

How sudden was the stro^{ke}
When the Almighty spoke
My Friends & Children
now draw near
And see that you for
Death prepare

Polly Daut^r of Mr
Silas & Mrs Rachel
Easton died February
15th 1795 aged 16 days.

Mrs. Marcy Ewer the
 wife of Mr Paul Ewer
 died March 18th 1795 in
 the 39th year of her age
 Farewell my friends
 dry up your tears
 Here sleeps my dust
 till Christ appears

David (son of
 Mr. David &
 Mrs. Elifabeth)
 Foot) died Oct.
 14th, 1790, age
 3 Months.

*Sleep on my babe
 and take your rest
 God call'd you
 home
 He saw it best.*

Thomas, son of
 Mr Eliha & Mr.
 Eliabeth Free-
 man. died June
 28th 1780 aged
 3 years.

The God that * * *
 [Stone broken.]

In memory of an
 Infant son to Mr
 Alvan & Mrs Sally
 FOOT who died
 August 5th 1799
 aged 9 hours

Y^e ⁿactive babes & childreⁿ
 all
 Let o^r the f^rone of
 childreⁿ fail
 My day was short my
 hours few
 And let this wo^rd &
 all adieu

Jared died Eunis died
 May 15th 1785 March 19th
 aged 2 Years 1794 aged
 & 8 Month 3 Years.

The heirs of Mr.
 Elish & Mrs. Mary gran^t

Nansey Daut^r of
 Mr Moses & Mrs
 Relie Hall who
 Died February 19th
 1797 aged 16 days

William Phinney
Hamblin Son to
Mr Cornelius & Mrs
Marcy Hamblin
died October 23^d
1797 aged 1 year 4
Months & 15 days

In Memory of Mrs
Mariam Hatch wife
to Mr Josiah Hatch
who died Nov^m
9th 1800 aged
83 years

In Memory of Charles
son to Mr Benjamin &
Mrs Puella Hinckley
who died Jan^y 5th
1795 aged 16 months
& 20 days

Leua, Daut^r to Mr
Samuel, & Mrs Ly-
dia Hodges, died
April 14, 1795
aged 2 months.

Rochana Daut^r of
Mr Abraham &
Mrs Easther Howk
who died January
3^d 1799 in the 4th
year of her age

Sacred to the memory
of Mrs Eunice Ingerfoll
Confort of Mr Moses In-
gerfoll who departed thi^s
life Nov 19 1795 in the
51st year of her age.

Surviving friends altho you mo^{rn}
Let this console I shall return
The righteous Judge can by his ^{word}
Bring me triumphing with
the Lord

In memory of Mrs Elifa-
beth Jenkins Confort of
Mr Ebenezer Jenkins (late of
Barnstable deceased) who died
Oct^r 28th 1788 aged 91 years

Behold my friends while pass^{ing} by
This stone informs you where I lie
Tho I have lived to ninety one
Yet you may die while you are
young

Here lies
 Worthy to be lamented
 M^{rs} SIBYL HURD
 Wife of
 STEPHEN LEONARD
 who departed this life
 July 19th 1787
 in the 24th Year
 of her Age.

My glass is run my Grave you see,
 Prepare for Death and follow me.

Stephen Leon
 ard junr died
 May 1787

In memory of
 Thomas Nye son
 to Deacon Levy
 & Mrs Sarah Nye
 who Died Nov
 2nd 1792 in the
 19th year of his age

In memory of an
 Infant, dau^r of Mr.
 Joshua & Mrs.
 Charity Nye. who
 died July 23^d 1793
 aged 5 days.

Hulda^h the dau-
 ghter of Mr. Le-
 vi & Mrs Catharin^r
 Porter, died Marc^h
 13 1794 aged 8
 yeas & 13 days.

Rhoda dau^r to Mr
 Levi & M^{rs} Catharin^e
 Porter died June 5th
 1795 in the 4th year
 of her age.

In memory of M^{rs} Lydia
 Tobey confort to M^r Ste
 phen Tobey who died
 April 3d 1799 in the
 43d year of her age.

Gods people are made willing
 in the day of his Power

In memory of Miss Re-
member Tobey: Daut^r to
Mr Stephen, & Mrs Lydia
Tobey; who died Feb. 6th
1799. in the 22 year of
her age.

The blooming cheeks the lovely ch^{arms}
Lie clasp'd in Death's cold icy arms

This stone was Erected
by Seth Backus jun^r

In Memory of
^{Mrs} Lucy, wife of Mr.
John Williams,
who Departed
this Life, Aug. 28,
AD. 1786: AE. 24.

Farewell my loving wife,
We bid a short Adieu,
You can not come to me again
But I must come to you.

Mary Dau^{tr} of Mr
William & M^{rs} Sarah
Whitney Died July 27th
1790 aged 1 Month

Inscriptions indistinct in the photo-engravings, pp. 297—303.

In Memory of
Mr. Arthur Perry
who died May 7,
1794 in the 73^d
year of his age.

*Adieu my spouse my
children dear*

I leave this world of ^{pain}

Let virtue be your

Practice here

'till we do meet at

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M RS
Rebecca, wife
of Mr Oliver Hat^{ch}
died May 1st 1788
in the 33^d year
of her age.

*Farewell my friends
dry up y^r tears,
My dust lies here
Till Christ appears.*

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On stone to the memory of Esther and Lydia Bradley;—see p. 399:

*Decaying mortals
here's the place
The house destined
for Adams race
Be ready then
to meet the Lamb
Of God, the Judge,
the Great I AM.*

This stone erected by Rowland THATCHER jun^r to perpetuate the memory of Miss Electa WILCOX who departed this Life May 16th 1800 Aged 19 years 2 month^s & 14 days.

All you that stop my tomb to see
As I am here so you must be,
Repent, repent now you have time,
For I was taken in my prime.

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On stone erected to the children of Jonathan Foot Jr. — see p. 209:

*Those guiltless charms, those
marks of genius are surprest,
Which nurst the fondest hopes
in tender parents breasts.*

In memory of Mr

JOHN W^NIEGAR^A

who Departed this

Life the 14th of

March 1 7 9 8

Aged 55 years & 2 Mo

In solemn silence here I lie
Pray from me learn that you must die
All youthful scenes of pleasure bright
Must end as watches of the night

O may this be your happy ease
That he who gives you length of days
May raise you to His courts above
There to partake of boundless love

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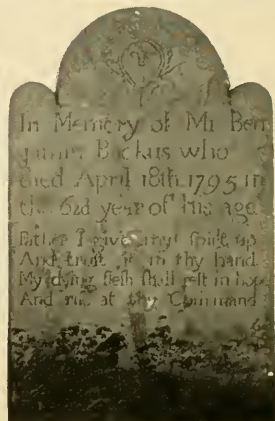
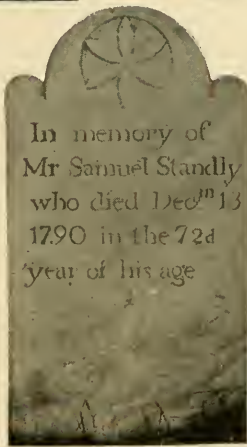
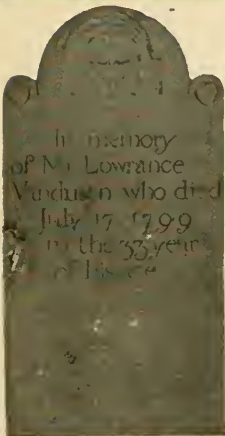
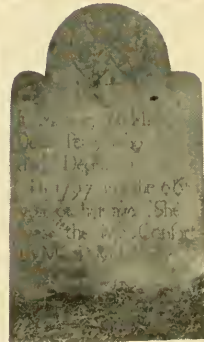
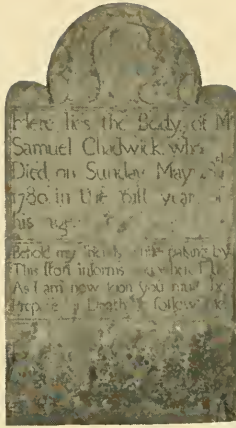
Two infants of Jacob^b
& Anna Winegars
One died March
3 1797 The other
died June 16
1802

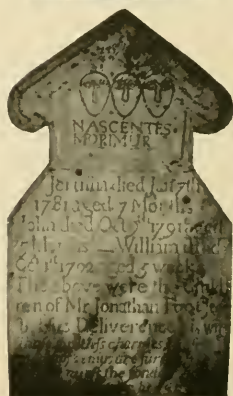
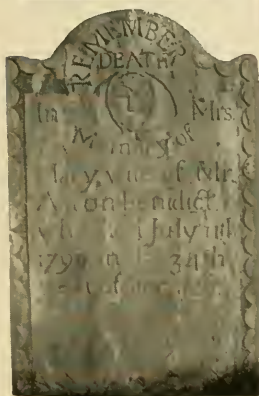
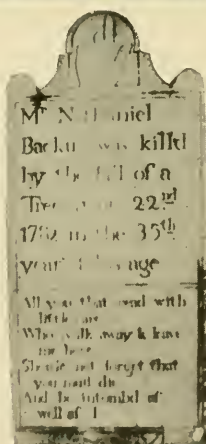
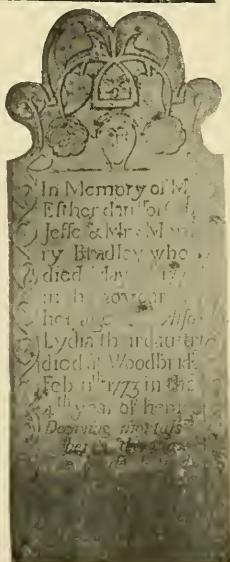
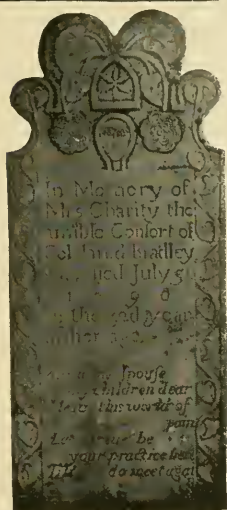
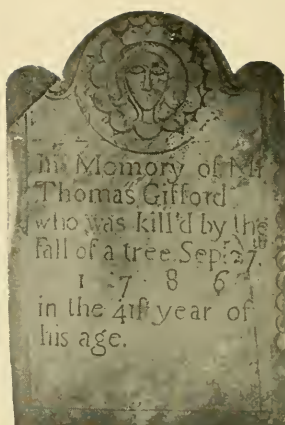
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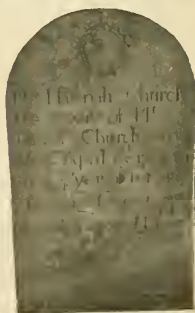
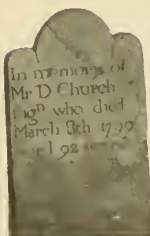
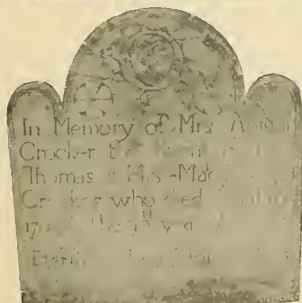
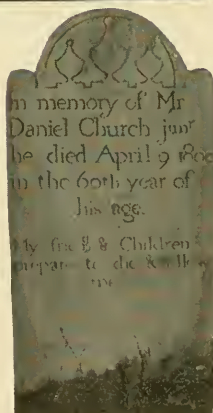
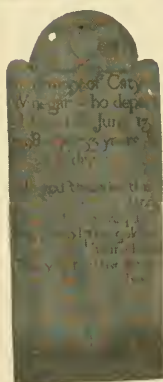
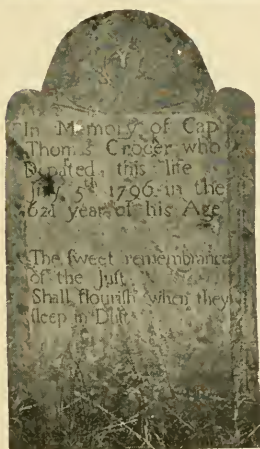
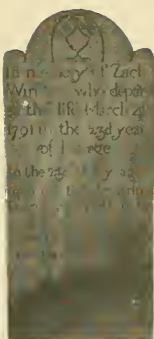
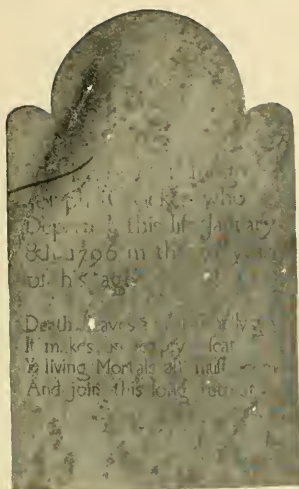
In Memory of M^{rs} Mary
Balssett the late Consort of
Mr Nathan Balssett who Died
May 4th 1796 in the 44th
year of her Age.

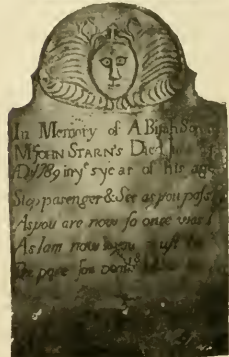
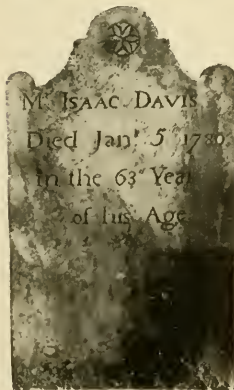
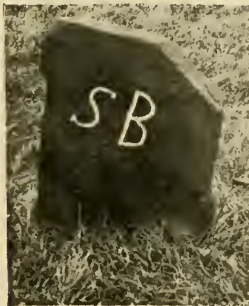
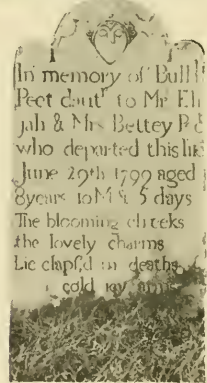
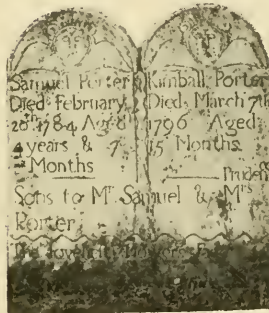
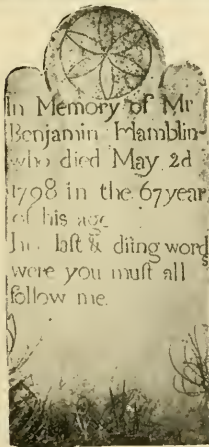
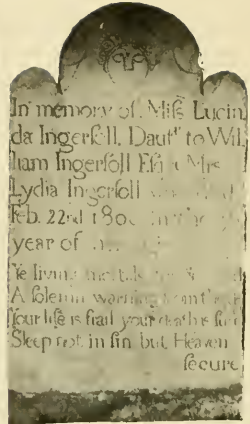
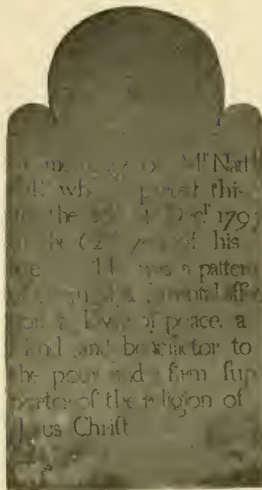
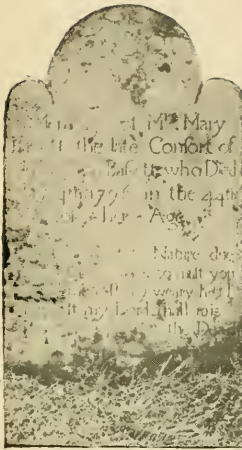
Death is a debt to Nature due,
Which I have paid & so must you,
Here let me rest my weary head,
Till Christ my Lord shall raise
the Dead.

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